

REMARKS

In the Office action the Examiner indicated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claim 19 directly depends from independent claim 18, the subject matter of claim 19 was incorporated, by amendment, into claim 18 and claim 19 was cancelled. Thus, amended claim 18 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

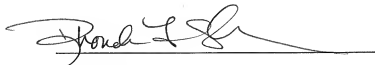
Independent claims 1 and 25 were also amended to include subject matter that is related to, or similar to, the subject matter of now-cancelled claim 19. For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 25 and their respective dependent claims are now in condition for allowance. Support for these amendments may also be found in the original specification at pages 11-12.

Conclusion

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance; Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass the application to issue. Should the claims not be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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